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President Sise of the Bell Telephone Co. Issues Statement as to Listening Board.

Montreal, Feb. 14.-(Special.)-In re ference to the criticism which has appeared in the newspapers concerning the "listening" board, President Sise of the Bell Telephone Company to-day issued the following official statement: "The 'listening' board, or, as more

is an essential part of the equipment of every large modern telephone exchange. Without it, it would be absoimpossible to secure and maintain efficiency of service. 'At the same time the company has

always realized that it is in honor always realized that it is in most exacting he knew of he could compare it to nothing any way, so exacting, except the work of a railway of telephone operating.

Nerve Strain.

Dr. Alexander said one evil result of telephone operating work under the operation work under of its contracts.

art of telephony has not been so far sat too close, perfected as to enable the company, or, in fact, any telephone company, to assure its patrons that their conversaassure its patrons that the patrons the patrons the patrons that the patrons the patrons that the patrons the patro cigarmakers."

Two stretches of the possible of its good faith. I may say that the company would gladly welcome the extension to it of the protection accorded telegraph companies by chapter 134 of the revised statutes of Canada, section 4 of which provides that every telegraph operator or, person in the employ of a telegraph company who divulges the contents of any telegram, except when lawfully authorized or directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute to the company who directed so to do, is guilty of an offence of the statute ment, or both."

DULY WARNED.

Members of West End Temperance Society Must Not Fight Again.

Magistrate Kingsford: "I think you had better change the name to the 'Intemperance Society.' Chief Inspector Archibald: "If there's any more trouble I'll order the police to arrest the whole crowd of

The above remarks were addressed to members of the West End Christian Temperance Society in police court yesterday. It was the occasion of the continuance of the assault case against Hunt and Mitchell. Hunt was fined cessfully proved an alibi, was dis-

RHEUMATISM



EVIDENCE OF PHYSICIANS STRONG FOR SHORTER HOURS

Doctors Visit the Telephone Office and Then Tell of the Physical Dangers of Operating.

Medical men were witnesses on behalf of the telephone girls yesterday. Among them was Dr. Reeve, who caused a flurry of excitement by asking whether the physicians were to be regarded as giving expert evidence. He had been given to understand that such was the case, and knew of one doctor who had declined to come. Judge Winchester, Mr. King and Mr. Curry all made it plain that facts were wanted.

"We want the information and intend to get it if we have to stay here three weeks," Mr. King added.

Judge Winchester repeated his demand for a statement as to wages paid in the Toronto offices. Mr. Kerr's excuse was that the company didn't know precisely what was wanted, but would see that the request was honored. Mr. Curry asked for a detail of receipts of the company covering every branch of the local system.

The day was taken up in the examination of medical witnesses, who were first permitted to inspect the Main ex-

Dr. Davidson, Dr. Oldright, Dr. Walter McKeown, Dr. Forfar and Dr. Sheard were called in the morning and Drs. Anderson, Alexander, Silverthorn, Trow, Bennett, Temple and Dr. Reeve, president of the British Medical Association, and dean of the faculty of medi-cine of Toronto University, gave evidence in the afternoon.

The consensus of opinion seemed to be

that the operators were subject to great nervous strain, and the shorter nervous strain, and the shorter period of actual work that could be arranged the better. Several of them questioned the advisability of young women engaging in such an occupation.

Calls It Hazardous.

Dr. Sheard, medical health officer, was sure from his knowledge of the city hall switchboard and his observations in the Main exchange, that the work was hazardous to the nervous system, and five hours' continuous service was far too much. Working at the rate he had seen them, he was sure that the nervous systems of the opera-tors would be wrecked in a very few

He considered it absolutely contemptible on the part of the company to increase the duty by 78 hours per month, and only give the girls an increase of \$2.50 in wages. He believed that \$10 or \$15 per week would be the 15 per week would be the fair salary at eight hours per day, if eight hours were agreed on. The 20-minute rest periods, as promised by the company, were inadequate to permit of perfect

To Prevent Contagion. The necessity for sterilizing the head The necessity for sterilizing the head and breast plates, which has not been systematically done, so as to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, was brought out in Dr. Davidson's evidence. Dr. Oldright, professor of hygeia, and associate professor of clinical surgery, characterized the work at the telephone office as "unfolk high like".

office as "unfairly high pressure" work. He thought the occupation of a school teacher was fairly comparable to that of telephone operators, except that the former was not quite so straining. He caiculated that the school teachers vorked six hours in the country and five hours in the city. "A's between the five-hour straight system and the eight hours with re-

liefs as mentioned, which would you consider the better system?" The doctor said that it was like "The 'listening' board, or, as more choosing between slaying a man with properly known, the observation board, a gun or a club. Both systems were absolutely injurious to the health.

Dr. Oldright told Mr. Kerr that it was

Dr. Walter McKeown said that the sorable. Girls whose eyes were only occupation of a telephone operator was the most exacting he knew of. He telephone operating.

Dr. McKeown offered the observation nerve strain. Another was the inaist be noted, however, that the that the girls at the telephone office bility to respond to nature's callings "I think too close." said the witness. working at the old pace should not stay at it for more than three years.

numbers on their boards.

Chairman King interrupted to ask
Mr. Maw what the company did in the
way of sterilizing the instruments used by the girls. He admitted that there was no systematic sterilizing of the instruments, unless special attention was directed to any particular instruments. Perhaps each instrument might receive a sterilizing every two r three months. A solution of formolid was used.

Girls and Doctors' Bill. In the afternoon Mr. Curry surprised the commission, the witness and the counsel for the company by the line of questions he thrust at Dr. Temple from whom it was learned that he had been called about three years ago to the Bell office on two successive days to attend three operators who had fainted from heat and exhaustion. When he presented his bill the com pany had claimed the girls should do the settling, and it was only after he had threatened to take measures to force a payment that the company had

came up with the money. Mr. Curry explained to the commission that he had received an anonymous letter to that effect, and tha was the reason he had caused Dr Temple to be subpoenaed. The doctor explained further that he had examined the main exchange and considered the service very exacting.

Five hours at such a pace should prove very exhaustive. Dr. James Anderson said he had been consulted on several occasions by operators, whose eyes were affected, and thought that of all occupations requiring close observance, telephone operating was the most trying. It was a mystery to him how they stood it It was his belief that the girls shouldn't last drives it work more than two or three hour periods, with a two hours' rest between.

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eral patients had "blind staggers, others had been ill as a result of shocks received during thunderstorms on the long-distance boards. He would give no definite opinion as to whether the work in the Toronto evolutions. work in the Toronto exchange would that an occupation at which people be injurious to the operator or not. were subject to severe shocks and He hadn't taken any special notice of fainting spells, was most injurious to the conditions during his visits to the the nervous system.

should experience no nervousness on would be greater from the increase that account. Dr. Reeve said he had noticed the

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guaranteed that the work would be materially lightened under the new system, the eight-hour period would be much more severe on the operators than the five hours. Regarding the 20 minute intermissions, he said it would

office. He, however, did venture the remark that the operators should become accustomed to the constant pacing of the supervisors after a time, and hours, despite the proposed intermisoperators working very fast. It had struck him that the girls were commost entirely to medical men.

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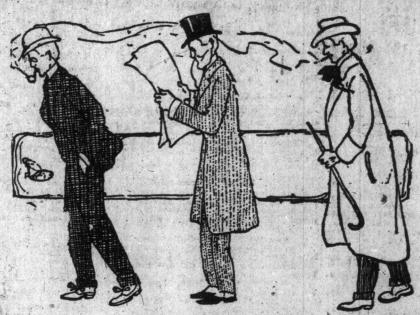
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to those already mentioned.

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The Zovereign Bank of Canada The Trades and Labor Council last be a disadvantage and pecuniary loss that the workers could not afterwards legally recover, even the the board decided against such depletion, it was decided against such depletion, it was decided to recommend that "during such time as a dispute of wages was pending no cut or advance be allowed until the board gave a decision."

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Owing to the death of Mr. Thomas Christie, the offices of the Ontario Lime Association will be closed on Saturday.

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